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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A fishing line container assembly, comprising:
a fishing line compartment including:
a first flap having an outer area and an inner area, and
at least a first strap having an attached end interconnected to said inner
area of said first flap and an attaching end, wherein said first strap has and being defined
by an open state and a closed state, said first strap being usable to join a first spool to said
first flap when said first strap is in said closed state, and wherein in said closed state said
attaching end is interconnected to said inner area of said first flap.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 1
wherein said ~~first strap has an~~ attaching end of said first strap has ~~[[with]]~~ a first mating
element and said attached end has a second mating element and in which said mating
elements are joined together when said first strap is in said closed state.

4. (Original) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 1 wherein said
first strap includes a Velcro® strap.

5. (Original) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 1 wherein said
flap has a hinged section and a movable section and in which said attached end is located
closer to said movable section than to said hinged section.

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6. (Original) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 1 wherein said first strap has a length and said inner area has a lateral extent and in which said first strap length is greater than one-half of said lateral extent.

7. (Currently Amended) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 1 further comprising a second strap usable in joining a second spool to said flap, said second strap being spaced along a longitudinal extent of said first flap from said first strap.

8. (Currently Amended) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 1 wherein said ~~first strap has an attaching end and said attaching end of said first strap is~~ joined to said attached end by a snap connection to provide said closed state.

9. (Original) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 1 comprising at least a first cover located outwardly of portions of said first strap when said first strap is in said closed state.

10. (Original) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 9 wherein said first cover has at least a first connection segment joined to said flap.

11. (Currently Amended) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 9 wherein said first cover has a lateral extent extending laterally along said first flap and in which said first cover lateral extent is less than the length of said first strap.

12. (Original) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 9 wherein said attached end is laterally spaced from said first cover.

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13. (Original) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 9 further comprising a second cover having at least a first connection segment joined to said flap and said first cover has a second connection segment joined to said flap adjacent to said first connection segment of said second cover.

14. (Currently Amended) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 1 wherein said first flap includes a hinged section and further comprising at least a first access hole adjacent to said hinged section for receiving fishing line therethrough.

15. (Original) A fishing line container assembly of Claim 1 further including at least a primary container area joined to but spaced from said fishing line compartment.

16. (Original) The fishing line container assembly of Claim 1 further comprising a support subassembly for holding at least said fishing line compartment adjacent to a user's body.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating use of fishing line by a fisher, comprising:

providing at least a first spool having a bore and fishing line;

inserting a strap through said bore;

5 establishing a closed state of said strap, wherein at a first section between said bore and an outer circumference said spool is held by said strap, and wherein at a second section between said bore and said outer circumference that is opposite said first section said spool is free from said strap; and

locating said fishing line from said first spool for use by the fisher.

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18. (Original) The method of Claim 17 further including creating tension on said fishing line when pulled from said first spool using at least portions of said strap within said bore.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 17 wherein said strap has an attached end and an attaching end and in which said inserting step includes inserting said attaching end through said bore, and wherein said establishing a closed state of said strap includes securing said attaching end to one of said attached end and an area proximate to said attached end.

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20. (Original) The method of Claim 17 wherein a cover overlies at least portions of said first spool.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 20 wherein said inserting step includes inserting said strap while said bore is located outwardly of said cover.

22. (Original) The method of Claim 21 wherein said locating step includes positioning at least portions of said first spool under said cover.

23. (New) The method of Claim 17, wherein in said closed state of said strap, a first surface of said strap at a first location along said strap is adjacent said first surface of said strap at a second location along said strap.

24. (New) The method of Claim 17, wherein in said closed state said strap encloses an area having a length that is less than a diameter of said first spool.